(e) the kind of help provided to bereaved families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The information as available in National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for the States and the Union Territories, and in the Central Para Military Forces regarding suicide cases is as below:

	1999	2000	2001	2002
States/Union Territories	146	111	114	Not available
Central Para Military Forces	55	48	62	82

(c) Analysis of the causes of these suicide cases show that the causes are complex, like depression, family disharmony, marital discord, stress etc.

(d) Both the Central Government as well as the State Governments have been taking several measures for the welfare of police personnel. These include establishment of grievance redressal machinery, counseling, regular interaction of officers and police personnel, proper planning of leave, assistance in setting disputes, creation of recreational facilities, etc. In the Central Para Military Forces, regular Sainik Sammelans and courses on stress management are organized. Government has also been giving emphasis on providing proper housing facilities to the police personnel and under the Scheme of Modernisation of the State Police Forces, sufficient funds are allocated for housing of upper and lower subordinates.

(e) Family pension, *ex-gratia* assistance, giving compassionate appointment to next of kin, Group Insurance Scheme etc. are sanctioned. In Central Para Military Forces, assistance from risk funds, battalion welfare Fund, etc. are also provided to the bereaved families.

Employment to youths of Jammu and Kashmir

2416. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a sizable number of youths have given up militancy in Jammu and Kashmir State and now they want to settle down in life;

(b) whether it is a fact that they live dangerously without any source of livelihood; and

(c) whether any scheme has been initiated to offer them employment to eradicate their poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) As informed by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir, a sizeable number of youth have given up the path of militancy in Jammu & Kashmir State and have settled down to lead a peaceful life. From 1991 to July, 2003, a total of 3405 militants have surrendered before security forces and J&K Police after shunning the path of violence. This figure includes 85 militants who had surrendered between January and July, 2003.

(b) It is incorrect to state that these surrendered militants live without any source of income. Most of them are earning their livelihood by engaging themselves in petty businesses or getting themselves employed in various private firms and enterprises.

(c) In August, 1995, Government of Jammu & Kashmir had announced a policy for surrender and rehabilitation of militants. This policy was revised by the State Government in 1997. Under the State policy, the surrendered militants have been provided with employment/ self-employment opportunities. Majority of them have been engaged as Special Police Officers (SPOs) under Jammu & Kashmir Police. Some of them were also recruited by BSF and CRPF. Rest were mostly rehabilitated under self-employment schemes of running petty businesses, transport/tourist video coaches.

Overlapping in functioning of Narcotics Bureau

2417. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is overlapping in the functioning of Central Bureau of Narcotics and Narcotics Control Bureau because of the similarities in the nature of work/task and the operating domains;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider amalgamation of both to remove redundancy and duplicacy; and

(c) whether Government will consider equality of status and pay to the employees of both the organizations and remove the anomaly?